



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2005 AT 2:00 PM

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Dennis C. Moss

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Rebeca Sosa
Javier D. Souto

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(FDOT District VI)
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Gary L. Donn, P.E.

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COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

### AGENDA

#### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 18, 2004
- December 16, 2004

#### 3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

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- TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)
- BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
- FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)
- MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)
  - MDX Status Report

#### 4. ACTION ITEMS

##### A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

##### 1. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

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##### 2. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

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##### 3. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

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**5. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
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ADD FUNDING TO THE FLORIDA EAST COAST (FEC) CORRIDOR  
TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

**6. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2005 TIP FOR  
ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 4

**7. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)  
AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2005 TIP ROAD  
IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 5

**B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**1. SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA)**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL JPA BETWEEN THE  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR  
THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM

**2. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
AUTHORIZING METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)  
PARTICIPATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A REGIONAL  
PROGRAM WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA INTELLIGENT  
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) COALITION

**3. REQUEST BY VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS C. MOSS**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A FUTURE TRAFFIC PATTERNS AND  
ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS STUDY FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND  
DIRECTING THE MPO SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE A SCOPE OF WORK  
AND BUDGET FOR THE STUDY

**5. REPORTS**

**A. MPO BOARD MEMBERS**

1. Request by Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss: Golden Glades Multimodal Facility Report
2. Request by Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss: Presentation by the Lehman Center for Transportation Research, Florida International University
3. Request by Board Member Perla T. Hantman: Miami Dade Public School Board Coordination with FDOT District 6 Regarding School Traffic Issues Update
4. Request by Board Member Katy Sorenson: SW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue Study

**B. COUNTY MANAGER**

**C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DISTRICT VI)**

**D. MPO SECRETARIAT**

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA  
GOVERNING BOARD**

**MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2005 AT 2:00 P.M.**

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER  
111 NW FIRST STREET  
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

Chairman Joe A. Martinez called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m. In addition, the following members were present at the meeting:

Ruben D. Almaguer  
Bruno A. Barreiro  
Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Carlos A. Gimenez  
Perla T. Hantman  
Sally A. Heyman  
Barbara J. Jordan

Dorrin D. Rolle  
Darryl K. Sharpton  
Katy Sorenson  
Rebeca Sosa  
Javier D. Souto  
Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager; Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat; and Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Chairman Moss moved for approval of the agenda. Board Member Sharpton seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Moss moved for approval of the November 18, 2004 and the December 16, 2004 minutes. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS**

**1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(CTAC)**

*No report given by the Committee.*

Chairman Martinez reappointed Jeffrey Wander and Martin P. Nash.  
Vice Chairman Moss reappointed Michael Hatcher.  
Board Member Barreiro reappointed Joseph Fontana.  
Board Member Gimenez reappointed Frank Zeinali.  
Board Member Sorenson appointed Malou Harrison.

**2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)**

Ms. Winsome Bowen, TARC Chair, provided the MPO Board with a brief update on TARC activities. She stated that TARC passed a resolution recommending location Alternative A for the US-1 Pedestrian Overpass at South Miami Station. She further stated that TARC requested the item come back after meetings in South Miami are completed and before the next project phase begins in April.

Board Member Sorenson appointed James Kanter.

**3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC Chair, provided the MPO Board with a brief update on BPAC activities. He stated that BPAC received the report “Mean Streets” which states that Miami/Ft.Lauderdale area ranked as the fourth most dangerous large city for pedestrians in 2004. He further stated that FDOT provided BPAC with a presentation on their pedestrian safety projects along roadways that have the most traffic crashes involving pedestrians. He listed the different resolutions passed by BPAC during the months of January and February. He concluded by stating the concerns BPAC expressed to MDT regarding the US-1 Pedestrian Overpass at South Miami Station.

Vice Chairman Moss appointed Louis Foster to BPAC.

The MPO Board requested that the MPO staff coordinate with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to draw up a list of prospective nominees to fill vacancies in the various MPO Committees, since the Clerk maintains similar lists for the benefit of BCC committees and boards. Board Member Hantman requested that she have access to this list. Mr. Mesa stated that staff would coordinate with the Clerk as indicated and that all MPO Board members would have access to the available information.

**4. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)**

*No report given by the Committee.*

**5. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)**

Mr. Alfredo Lurigados, MDX Director of Engineering, provided the Board with a brief update on the projects in the MDX Status Report (*A copy of this report is available at the MPO Secretariat*).

Board Member Sosa suggested that MDX implement a grievance process for Sunpass owners who receive a citation due to a malfunction of the Sunpass system.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**1. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO INCLUDE FUNDING FROM ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 6 FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON CARD SOUND ROAD FROM US-1 TO MIAMI-DADE/MONROE COUNTY LINE*

Chairman Martinez opened the public hearing. Chairman Martinez closed the public hearing.

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that a substitute memorandum from the Public Works Department (PWD) was distributed. He then requested the deletion of, “FDOT Participation Anticipated” sentence on page two of the memorandum, because PWD will fully fund this project.

Board Member Sosa requested a copy of a map that portrays the boundaries of Road Impact Fee District 6.

Board Member Seijas requested clarity on whether the funding from the Traffic Control Devices Program can be used to fund part of Card Sound Road.

Mr. Aristides Rivera, PWD Director, responded in the negative. He further clarified that the funding will come from actual revenues that exceeded anticipated revenues for the District.

Board Member Almaguer requested clarity on the plans of widening Card Sound Road to provide a bike lane. He further stated that the number of cyclists that utilize the roadway now, despite its current conditions, demonstrates the need for a safe avenue for cyclists to travel. Mr. Rivera responded that the current plans for Card Sound Road do not include widening. He further stated that there are significant constraints with expanding any portion of Card Sound Road.

Board Member J. Diaz stated that the issue of widening Card Sound Road is very sensitive. He further stated that part of the roadway is very narrow and needs widening but the impacts on the environment are too severe.

After much discussion, Vice Chairman Moss moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member J. Diaz seconded the motion. The resolution approved unanimously.

## **2. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**

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Chairman Martinez opened the public hearing.

A citizen from Commission District 10 informed the MPO Board that residents from SW 48<sup>th</sup> Street are oppose to the funding of a bike path on SW 48<sup>th</sup> Street from 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. He concluded by requesting the MPO Board delete this project from the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Chairman Martinez closed the public hearing.

Mr. Jeff Cohen, PWD, stated that the proposed project is to provide improvements to the bridge on SW 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 48<sup>th</sup> Street. He further stated that the remaining funds were proposed for a bike path on SW 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue to SW 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in order to provide residents with direct access to Tropical Park.

Board Member Souto requested that the proposed MPO resolution is amended to reflect the new limits for the SW 48<sup>th</sup> Street project as SW 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue to SW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Board Member Rolle requested a meeting with staff from the Public Works Department (PWD) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District VI to discuss the possibilities of PWD loaning the necessary funds to FDOT District 6 to accelerate the completion of the Beautification Project along I-95 in his district. Mr. Johnson responded that staff would contact Commission District 2 office to arrange this meeting.

Board Member Rolle requested clarity on the status of the countywide Traffic Signalization Projects. Mr. Rivera responded that the county is currently in the process of negotiating with the top three (3) firms that submitted proposals. He concluded by stating that improvements in the traffic signalization should become noticeable by the end of this year.

Board Member Seijas requested a report on the number of Miami-Dade Public Schools that are currently in need of flashers. She further requested that this report include the cost associated with providing the flashers.

Board Member Sosa requested clarity on the percentage in traffic flow improvements anticipated once the system is completely installed. Mr. Rivera responded that the traffic flow should improve by five (5) percent.

Board Member Jordan requested that PWD expand the time length of the signalization light on 183<sup>rd</sup> Street and NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Board Member Jordan requested that FDOT staff arrange a meeting with her to discuss alternatives that will minimize the impact the current construction on 183<sup>rd</sup> Street has on the local businesses.

Board Member Gimenez requested the time-frame for completion of the Traffic Signalization project negotiations.

Board Member Souto moved for approval of the resolution as amended. Board Member Sosa seconded the motion. The resolution as amended approved unanimously.

### **3. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER (MIC) EARLINGTON HEIGHTS METRORAIL CONNECTOR*

*(In the absence of Chairman Joe. A. Martinez the meeting was chaired by Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss).*

Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman Moss closed the public hearing.

Board Member Sosa moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution approved unanimously.

**4. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2005 TIP TO ADD FUNDING TO THE I-95 HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANE OPERATIONAL MODIFICATION MARKETING PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN*

Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman Moss closed the public hearing.

Board Member Heyman expressed concerns with the proposed resolution and its impact on the North Dade community. She stated that the residents of North Dade need an adequate mass transit system before FDOT start decreasing the number of lanes on I-95. She further clarified by stating that the FDOT proposal to enforce a 24-hour, seven days a week format for the north and southbound HOV-Lanes on I-95 will have a negative impact on the commuters.

Board Member Sorenson stated that the recommended changes from FDOT for I-95 HOV-Lanes are a reflection of the changes in today's traffic trends. She clarified by stating that the trend of one person per car is becoming more obsolete, especially due to the rise in gasoline prices. She concluded by stating that she supports the recommended changes because they offer an incentive to get more people to carpool. She further concluded by asking whether the hybrid car owners would have access to the HOV-Lanes. Mr. Donn responded that regardless of the number of passengers, hybrid car owners could drive in the HOV-Lanes under the new format.

Board Member Gimenez expressed concern with the lack of consistency amongst the three counties. He further stated that the amount of cars traveling in Miami-Dade is not that much greater than Broward or Palm Beach counties. He concluded by stating he supports the idea of expanding the hours for the I-95 HOV-Lane as long as it is consistent throughout the region.



Due to the loss of quorum, Vice Chairman recessed this item until quorum achieved. The MPO Board took up the following item: **Agenda Item 5.A.3 Request by Board Member Perla T. Hantman: Miami Dade Public School Board Coordination with FDOT District 6 Regarding School Traffic Issues Update.**

Board Member Hantman introduced staff from the Miami-Dade Public Schools who provided the MPO Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation on Miami-Dade Public School Board coordination with FDOT District 6 regarding school traffic issues. *(A copy of this PowerPoint Presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

After this presentation quorum was attained. Vice Chairman resumed discussion on **Agenda item 4.A.4 FY 2004 TIP Amendment: I-95 HOV Lane Public Information Campaign.**

Vice Chairman Moss requested a presentation on the I-95 HOV-Lanes Operational Modifications be provided to the MPO Governing Board at the next meeting.

Board Member Rolle requested a list of companies that the South Florida Commuter Services plans to contract with for the I-95 HOV Public Information Campaign.

After much discussion, Board Member Heyman moved to defer the proposed resolution. Board Member Barreiro seconded the motion. The deferment passed unanimously.

## **5. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2005 TIP TO ADD FUNDING TO THE FLORIDA EAST COAST (FEC) CORRIDOR TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS*

Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman Moss closed the public hearing.

Board Member Barriero requested clarity on the various alternatives involved in the proposed FEC Study. He further stated that Miami-Dade County is creating a unified transit system and if the study fails to look at Metrorail as an alternative mode for the FEC Corridor then the Miami-Dade MPO should not commit to this study.

Mr. Roosevelt Bradley, Miami-Dade Transit Director, responded that the study would cover all modes of transportation for the 82-mile FEC Corridor, which covers the Northeast portion of Miami-Dade to Jupiter in Palm Beach County.

Board Member J. Diaz expressed concern with the FEC Study. He further clarified that he did not believe that Miami-Dade County has ever benefited from conducting business with the FEC. He concluded by requesting clarity on the study and FEC involvement.

Mr. Mesa responded that the Florida Department of Transportation District IV manages the study. He further stated that at this time FEC would have very little, if any, involvement with this study. He concluded by stating that once the study is defined, then the FEC will need to be approach since they are the owners of the rail tracks.

Board Member Sosa requested that information be provided on the FEC as it relates to any liens and/or pre-existing violations of standing agreements and rules.

Vice Chairman Moss requested that FEC and CSX representatives be scheduled to address the MPO Board concerns.

Board Member Rolle moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion.

After was action taken on Agenda Item 4.B.2 Memorandum of Understanding, Board Member J. Diaz moved for reconsideration of this item (4.A.5) due to lack of information. Board Member Seijas seconded the motion. Reconsideration passed.

Board Member J. Diaz requested that the funding amount that Broward and Palm Beach counties contributing to this study be included as part of the item next time it comes before the Board.

Board Member J. Diaz moved for deferment of this resolution. Board Member Sharpton seconded the motion. Deferment of this resolution passed.

## **6. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

### ***RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2005 TIP ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 4***

Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman Moss closed the public hearing.

Board Member Rolle requested that the PWD staff meet with him to discuss the schedule for projects listed in the proposed resolution.

Board Member Rolle moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution approved unanimously.

**7. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2005 TIP ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 5*

Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman Moss closed the public hearing.

Board Member Almaguer requested clarity on whether officials from the impacted municipalities were notified regarding the changes to the roadways. Mr. Rivera responded that PWD staff contacts the municipalities before implementation of the project.

Board Member Sosa moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution approved unanimously.

**B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**1. SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA)**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL JPA BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM*

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution approved unanimously.

**2. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AUTHORIZING METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) PARTICIPATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A REGIONAL PROGRAM WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) COALITION*

Board Member Sosa expressed concern with Miami-Dade becoming committed to an agreement that may not be beneficial to county. She further clarified by stating that Miami-Dade need to maintain most of its decision making powers and that a regional effort will only work if

Miami-Dade County is considered part of the region. She concluded by suggesting that MPO Board members take a closer look at the proposed MOU.

Board Member Sorenson expressed concern with the impact deferring this item will have in the MPO's participation in this collaborated effort. Mr. Mesa responded that the purpose of the MOU is to provide a formal statement to the federal government that this region is in support of investing in the ITS program.

After much discussion, Board Member Sosa moved for deferment of the resolution. Board Member Sharpton seconded the motion. This item deferred.

**3. REQUEST BY VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS C. MOSS**  
*RESOLUTION APPROVING A FUTURE TRAFFIC PATTERNS AND  
ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS STUDY FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
AND DIRECTING THE MPO SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE A  
SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE STUDY*

*(At the request of Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss, Board Member  
Carlos A. Gimenez chaired the meeting for this item)*

Vice Chairman Moss informed the Board that the purpose of this study is to find the why's, when's, where's and who's, of the commuters traveling in Miami-Dade County and to look for creative solutions to address the traffic issues. He concluded by moving for approval of the resolution. Board Member Souto seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**6. REPORTS**

**a. MEMBERS BOARD MEMBERS**

1. Request by Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss: Golden Glades Multimodal Facility Report

*The scheduled presentation **deferred** until the next MPO meeting.*

2. Request by Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss: Presentation by the Lehman Center for Transportation Research, Florida International University

Dr. Amir Mirmiran and Dr. Fang Zhao of Florida International University Lehman Center provided the Board with PowerPoint presentation on the services provided by the Lehman Center. *(A copy of this presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

3. Request by Board Member Perla T. Hantman: Miami Dade Public School Board Coordination with FDOT District 6 Regarding School Traffic Issues Update

*(Summary minutes for this item reflected on page 7 of these minutes).*

4. Request by Board Member Katy Sorenson: SW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue Study

Board Member Sorenson requested staff prepare an amendment to the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to include SW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue project as follows:

- Completion of two lanes from SW 200 Street to US-1 and widen US-1 to the Homestead Extension Florida Turnpike (HEFT) to four lanes a part of Phase 1 (2005-2009).
- Additional widening of 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue to four lanes in 2015-2020.

b. MANAGER

Board Member Gimenez requested clarity on the rumors regarding a potential bill that will affect the MPO Board. Mr. Mesa stated that the bill distributed yesterday but not placed on the agenda today because the maker of the bill stated he had no intentions on filing it.

Mr. Bill Johnson suggested that the MPO receive an update from the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (OIA).

Board Member Heyman stated that OIA monitors all proposed bills. She further stated that OIA would keep the MPO Board posted.

- c. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
- d. MPO SECRETARIAT

*(There was no discussion on the above items 5.c-d)*

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.